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SUBJ: TRIPARTITE MEETING BETWEEN PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BANGLADESH

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1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN ABDUL SATTAR, MFA DIRGEN FOR SOUTH ASIA, AND VISITING AMERICAN PROFESSOR, EMBOFF REFERRED TO RADIO PAKISTAN REPORT CITED REFTEL AND TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS TOWARDS TRIPARTITE MEETING BETWEEN PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. SATTAR SAID GOP EXPECTED EARLY MEETING -- SOMETIME DURING WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 4. HE SAID GOP WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT QUESTION OF THE 195 POWS WOULD BE QUICKLY RESOLVED AT UPCOMING MEETING IN VIEW OF "ASSURANCES" GIVEN BY BANGLADESH REPRESENTATIVES AT LAHORE ON FEBRUARY 24. SATTAR CLAIMED THAT BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HUSSEIN, DURING LAHORE DISCUSSIONS, HAD SAID THE 195 WOULD BE RETURNED ALTHOUGH BANGLADESH COULD NOT MAKE THIS KNOWN PUBLICLY IN CON-
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JUNCTION WITH PAKISTAN'S RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH OUT OF

CONSIDERATIONS OF DOMESTIC POLICY.

2. SATTAR SAID GOP ALSO INTENDED TO DISCUSS FURTHER
IMPLEMENTATION OF SIMLA WITH INDIANS DURING MEETING.
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